

February 23, 1951.
Judiciary No. 2.

House File 535
By LUDWIG.

Passed House, Date

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved.....

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter one hundred thirty-five B (135B), Code 1950, relating to licensure and regulation of hospitals by adding a new code section making the Act advisory only and not mandatory as to hospitals under the jurisdiction of the state board of education and the board of control.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 Section 1. Chapter one hundred thirty-five B (135B),
- 2 Code 1950, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following
- 3 new section:
- 4 "This chapter shall be advisory only as to hospitals
- 5 under the jurisdiction of the board of control and the state
- 6 board of education ; such hospitals shall not be required to pay
- 7 a fee nor be licensed."

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 535

The laws of Iowa expressly establish and provide for the control and operation of hospitals by the board of control and the state board of education. Appropriations are made specifically for the same. Chapter 135B of the Code as originally enacted would make it illegal and a criminal offense to operate said hospitals if they did not conform to regulations adopted by the licensure board. This vetoes the powers of the other two state boards who have control of the hospitals and renders the carrying out of the duties imposed on them by statute a criminal offense. Making the licensure Act advisory only on these boards would secure the benefits without resulting in the dilemma of dual control by two state bodies.